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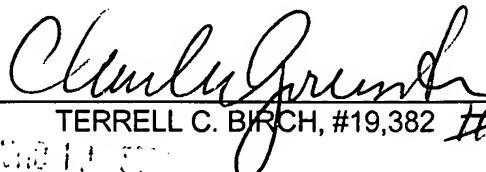
Sir:

In reviewing the above-identified application file, the undersigned has noted that the Examiner has not acknowledged receipt of claim for foreign priority filed in PCT Case (PCT/JP01/06268). The Notification of Missing Requirements under 35 U.S.C. 371 In the United States Designated/Elected Office or 371 Formalities Letter (Form PCT/DO/EO/905) 371 Formalities Notice indicates that the priority document was submitted by the applicant or IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office. The Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge receipt of the claim for foreign priority and the certified priority document.

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- Copy of the International Search Report
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- Preliminary Amendments
- Request for Immediate Examination

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.

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